

AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 2**

Subject: Approve the negotiation and purchase of 2.036 acres of land located at 7520-7530 Lamar Boulevard from Crestview Station RTB Land, L.P. for an appraised value of \$1,400,000 for the construction of a substation.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Judy Fowler, Public Involvement and Real Estate, 322-6107.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.

Prior Council Action: Resolution No. 2003-0323-043 adopted March 23, 2006.

On March 23, 2006, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2003-0323-043 directing the City Manager to study the cost and feasibility of relocating Austin Energy's Justin Lane Service Center and the effect of such relocation on promoting development within the Lamar Boulevard/Justin Lane Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District.

A substation had been planned on the property which would impact the future development potential of the property.

Austin Energy is seeking authorization to purchase a 2.036 acre property at 7520-7530 Lamar Boulevard belonging to Crestview Station RTB Land, L.P. The 2.036 acre parcel will allow Austin Energy to build the substation planned for the Ryan Drive property on the Crestview Station property. The substation is needed to pick up existing and future loads as well to pick up load from the existing Koenig Land substation which needs reconstruction in 2009. Moving the planned substation to Lamar Boulevard allows for greater flexibility in redeveloping the Ryan Drive property to meet TOD goals.